



## REJECTED CHARITY, YET WAS IN COURT IN A SEALSKIN

Does Remanded to Jail for  
Having Broken His  
Parole.

Stipulated Judgment That  
Dry Creek Be Not Used  
as a Canal.

Edna Stovall, nee Kaufman, was divorced by Judge Church from J. T. Stovall, who when last heard from was at Colorado Springs, Colo., in the fall there. The Stovalls were married here in March, 1905, and there are two children, aged 3 months and 1 1/2 years. The young wife admitted on the stand yesterday that she married Stovall after an acquaintance of less than two months.

The gist of her tale of woe, corroborated by her mother, was that since marriage she has been neglected and caused mental suffering by reason of his petty crimes and offenses for which he has been arrested four or five times. Also that until March last, when they separated, he used on many occasions vile and indecent language in addressing her.

The young woman and her mother returned only recently from Colorado Springs, where he is in durance for some petty offense but she was enabled with the aid of her mother to return to California and the farm out on White avenue by the assistance given by a charitable organization.

Mrs. Stovall further complained that in June, 1907, Stovall cohabited with a woman named Cecelia in a hotel in Oakland, and she was forced by his neglect and improvidence to rely upon the assistance of friends and charity on many occasions.

Mrs. Stovall was a prepossessing woman of the Teutonic blonde type and her averments of having been the subject of the assistance of friends and charity were hardly borne out by her modest apparel, appearing in court in a fine seal skin muffer.

**BROKE HIS PAROLE.**

D. W. Dees, the fellow who has made his several appearances in court attracted in a pair of quadruple striped pantaloons that had once done duty with some one in a Wild West show, was again before Judge Church yesterday afternoon, this time for having

broken his parole. The greater part of next year he will be enjoying about the court house the daily exercise of washing up with the brush and emptying the waste paper boxes, for he was remanded to jail to serve out his sentence of one year.

Dees was released on parole on the 4th inst. under instructions to find himself work by the 10th and also to contribute out of his wages \$20 for the support of his wife. For failure to provide he had been prosecuted and, pleading guilty, was sentenced to imprisonment for one year with a preliminary lecture before he was released on parole on his promise to mend his ways and begin at once to contribute to the support of his wife.

How well he has kept his promise is shown by the fact that his total contribution has been only \$3 and that he came around the jail two days ago bothering the officials for the release of a jail acquaintance whom he wanted to take in hand to work on his reformation, reminding of the fact that charitable work of this nature has often a very good beginning at home.

Dees was under alcoholic stimulant and not only worried DeWitt Sullivan, but accused Deputy Klara and Col. and locking him up for being drunk, called the attention of Probationary Officer Walton to the case with the result as stated before Judge Church yesterday afternoon that he was remanded to jail to serve out his sentence.

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## News of Central California Towns

TWO DELINQUENTS  
HALED INTO COURT

Little Annie Welsh of Madera Injured in Overturning of Vehicle.

MADERA, December 27.—Two cases were disposed of by the Juvenile Court this morning. The first was that of Eva Jones, a young half-breed who has been living with her uncle, Elmer Jones, at Oakdale, and who had been complained against by Miss Harriet Gilbert, teacher of an Indian school, for neglecting to have the child vaccinated. A dependent, alleging that the influence surrounding her were bad.

The court declared Eva a dependent and placed her in the custody of Probation Officer McFadden. The girl will be sent to the county hospital for treatment, as she has been suffering from hemorrhages of the lungs.

John Pezzoli, who has been held on a charge of vagrancy, was declared a dependent and given in charge of his father until further order of the court.

Two Christmas weddings took place here. One was that of Lena Jacobson, a pretty telephone girl, and Ed Anderson Sloan, and the other of John Morton and Della Dodge, both of Madera.

Little Annie Welsh was injured by the overturning of a buggy near the foot bridge last night. She and other children went for a ride, but the driver who was driving carelessly overturned the rig, throwing the passengers out. Annie was the only one injured. Her chin was cut and some of her teeth were knocked out.

The pupils of the Talbot School gave a banquet at the club of school to Mrs. J. M. Jones and County Superintendent of Schools Estelle Baginelle.

The Tiger football team gave a social dance in Athletic Hall on Saturday night. It was well attended.

Mrs. J. S. Belcher was appointed administrator of the estate of James S. Belcher, deceased, this morning, and her bond was fixed at \$3,000.

A decree of distribution in the estate of Ira M. Rowe was granted today. Judge Conley left for Merced today to try a case in the superior court there.

MADRID, Dec. 27.—Dispatches received here state that twenty-eight persons perished in a landslide caused by the floods in a village near Vinna, Navarre.

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COULDN'T ESCAPE  
RICE AND SHOES

Claud Pomtag Returned to Visalia to Answer Abduction Charge.

VISALIA, December 27.—Yesterday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Byrd at 507 South Court street, took place the wedding of Edward E. Baker to Miss Anna Belle Byrd. Rev. Lee A. Wood, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, performed the pretty ring ceremony in the presence of a few relatives and friends. The bride was attended in a fetching evening gown. After the ceremony refreshments were served in the dining room, which was decorated in green and white.

Hoping to escape a shower of rice and old shoes the couple left the house quietly and entered an auto in waiting to whisk them to Tulare. Not to be outdone the conspirators procured the big machine of Mr. Whitney Power and Electric Company and followed. They reached the Tulare depot before the arrival of the train and the rice and discarded footwear were liberally applied. A telephone message sent here announced that the couple would pass through on the way north, but a large crowd of Mr. Whitney employees, which company the groom is secretary, which company the groom is secretary, which company the groom is secretary.

The groom is a prominent member of the Keweenaw club, of which he is secretary. After a honeymoon in San Francisco the couple will return to make their home in this city.

Sheriff Collins has returned from Oakland, bringing with him Claud Black, alias Pomtag, wanted on a charge of abduction in having skipped out from Lindsay accompanied by Ruth Ward, a 16-year-old girl. Black says he intended to do the right thing and had been staying at this house several days. She was brought home and is again with her sister at Lindsay. The \$200 reward offered by John Black, her brother-in-law, went to the Oakland patrolman who made the arrest.

A football game is being arranged with the Visalia "All Stars" on one side, with the Oakland Reliance or some other bay team on the other. All effort was made to hear from the Reliance this afternoon. The game, if arranged, will be played in this city on New Year's Day. If unsuccessful in securing a bay team, a challenge may be sent to the Fresno Reliance. The "All Stars" will include such well known players as Ollie Scott, Harry Jordan and others.

A surprise was sprung this morning when W. H. Hammond telephoned his mother, Mrs. May Hammond from Berkeley announcing his marriage yesterday to Miss Midge Blyden, formerly of this city. The groom is a son of W. H. Hammond, who died in this city and was at the time president of the Mt. Whitney Power Company. He is a nephew of John Hays Hammond, celebrated mining engineer. The bride is a graduate of the Chelvia high school. The couple will make their home in Visalia.

**BOUGHT BANK STOCK WITH FORGED CHECK.**

CINCINNATI, December 27.—Police and postal authorities are hunting for a man who gave his name as M. M. Richton, wanted in connection with the forgery of the name of M. M. Richton, a New York capitalist, to a \$15,000 check and the mysterious disappearance of the same amount in bank.

The man who carried on the deal received the check to the order of Richton, and then signed the name of Richton as endorser.

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**OLD PLAY LIFTED OUT OF THE JOKE COLUMN**

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" Will Roll Up an Attendance Record at the Empire.

The Hallett company is giving at the Empire theater a production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" this week that lifts that splendid old play out of the joke column and makes it an interesting and entertaining performance. The scenery is made a feature, and it is the most pleasing part of the entertainment. Some of the sets were recently applauded last night at the opening performance, and the final tableau, showing Little Eva's reception, was the most beautiful stage picture yet presented at this popular little theater.

Another feature which met with popular approval was the singing by an excellent quartet. The play will run for the week, and the indications are that a record attendance will be made by this grand old play.

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NOTES IN BRIEF  
FROM WEST SIDE

In Large Part a Record of People Coming and Going for the Holidays.

LOS BANOS, Dec. 27.—Last Wednesday evening was one of pleasure to teachers and pupils at the West Side Union High School, for besides an interesting literary program, Santa Claus was there distributing presents. The school here, much credit has been given Miss Bixby, teacher in the school, for the showing which the children made, under her direction and training.

The program was as follows:  
1. Song, by the school under the direction of Charissa Dutcher, Josephine Arbos and Agnes Dutcher.  
2. Recitation, "The Gambler's Wife," by Mabel Strick.  
3. Drill, the southern-belle habits, by girls from 5 to 7 years of age.  
4. Drill, by school boys.  
5. Song, "Juanita," by Marie Annandson, Mabel Strick, Edna Arbos, Elsie Beaulieu and Adele Argandson.  
6. Farce, "Burglar's Defeat," with the following cast:  
Sady Arbos, the burglar, and Elva Hartler, Lucy Arbos, Marie Brown, Merle Beckley and M. Gable, assistants.  
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The program was as follows:  
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2. Recitation, "The Gambler's Wife," by Mabel Strick.  
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### NO GENERAL STRIKE

The railways and the switchmen's union have come to an impasse, over the question of the discharge of the men now employed. The switchmen demand that these men be discharged so as to make place for the reinstatement of all their members. The railways insist on retaining their present employees, but will also take back the strikers, as that as places can be made for them. In either case, all the other questions at issue are to be settled by arbitration. But because of this question of the retention or discharge of the present employees, there is no agreement, and on this disagreement it is threatened to call a general strike, which would tie up the industries of half the country, and deprive millions of people of food, fuel and employment.

Such a thing ought not to be permitted. The difference is too small a matter to justify laying siege to a nation. As a matter of cost, the unions could pay for the time being, the wages of such strikers as were delayed in reinstatement, for a small fraction of the cost of a general strike. The question of their reinstatement, at the close of the arbitration, could be one of the questions arbitrated. As a matter of individual right, the title of the men at work to their jobs is as defensible as the title of the strikers to them. As a matter of collective right, the right of the whole people to the continuous operation of the mechanism of civilization is as sacred as the right of organized labor to prevent the employment of unorganized labor. As a protection of the strike leaders against discrimination, that very matter could be referred to the arbitrators for settlement, and the only injustice that could be done to them in the meantime would be measurable in money, which money could be raised for an infinitesimal fraction of the cost of a strike.

This is suggesting that the union rather than the railways surrender the point at issue. The reason is not that the railway is any less stubborn or more right than the union. Both are justifiably stubborn, and each is insisting on a right which from its viewpoint is absolute, as against a demand which from its viewpoint is indefensible. So far, both sides are equal, and both are half wrong and half right. But the consequences are different. If the railways persist in their present position, the result is a crippling of one section of the country within the limits of endurance; if the unions precipitate a general strike, the result is practically civil war, with freezing and starvation over the entire Northwest. That is a thing not to be precipitated, except under circumstances that permit no other course. Certainly the demand for the discharge of the present switchmen, to make place for strikers pending the arbitration, is not big enough, nor undeniably right enough, to justify such a step.

### AIRSHIP MYTHS.

The myth stage of the airship has already begun. The things accomplished have been so wonderful that the popular mind finds it difficult to distinguish between the possible and the impossible, in alleged reports of new things. So we have the usual reports of an airship with a "powerful searchlight," passing West of somewhere. It is always west of anywhere, and these stories always come at a time when the planet Venus is particularly brilliant and in the western sky. The incidental fact that no airship could carry a "powerful searchlight," or have any need of one, is as persistently ignored, as is the equally obvious fact that any one experimenting in the night, to escape observation, would not carry a light, to defeat his purpose. Another story is that an aeroplane has been invented that will carry a machine gun. That is likely. If the gun is light enough and the aeroplane powerful enough, there is no more difficulty in carrying the machine gun than in carrying an equal number of pounds of anything else. But how can any aeroplane shoot such a gun? An aeroplane is propelled by a fan projecting a current of air rearward. It moves by the recoil of that current. Measure the current of air driven by any possible fan against the stream of gas spouted from a machine gun, and what have you? Minutely a counter-propeller, more cumbersome, and capable of being used only for a few minutes, but forty times as powerful, while it lasts, as the main propeller of the machine. Shoot a machine gun backward, from an aeroplane, and it would serve, while it lasted, as the most powerful propeller in existence. Shoot it in any other direction, and the propeller will be simply helpless against it. As well stand on a soap-bubble and attempt to shoot wood.

### HENEY

The announced purpose of the suit for libel by Francis J. Heney against William H. Crocker, of New York, is to obtain a judicial hearing, before a jury in an impartial community, of the issues raised by the San Francisco general prosecution. Crocker's libel was intended to be tried there. It will be argued by the tumults and prejudgments of San Francisco, and we shall have, so far as the processes of a court can give it, a fair trial of the

still be prejudiced, no matter what facts may be brought out. To keep the record straight, it is well to have the facts judicially determined. It is also well to serve fair warning that the campaign of slander against Heney cannot be continued, by responsible men, unless they are willing to be held responsible for their charges. But the inuendo campaign against Heney will go on, so long as Heney is dangerous to men able to promote such a campaign, and it will have its effect, as long as there is a large part of the population so muddled-headed to keep the issue clear. Francis J. Heney has given the three best years of a valuable life, and jeopardized the next few years, for the people of San Francisco. He risked and nearly lost his life for them. He did lose the hearing of one ear, a valuable law practice, and all the accumulations of his life. He regenerated the government of San Francisco; exposed its public crime; removed its criminals from office; secured direct confessions from half of them and indirect confessions from the other half; convicted them all at the bar of public opinion and part of them in court, and made it perfectly clear that the failure to do more was due to the hopeless inadequacy of our judicial system to rise to such an emergency. He has made himself more than a national character, known and honored throughout the world. And he has aroused the honest dislike of some people to the manner some newsmen, a pretend he has. Which is a ridiculous anti-climax, serious only because it is real. To measure that man and his services against the influence and inuendo of known criminals, is one of the most indefensible absurdities of this queer world.

### NEW LANGUAGE

Even Esperanto, which was to have displaced all other varieties of pidgin English for international communication, has had its day. At least, there is a new rival for fame, a sort of simplified Esperanto, known as Lingua International, which has the advantage of being so easy that you do not have to study it at all. Anybody can read it, at first sight, and anybody can learn to write and speak it by the simple process of reading it a little while. As witness the following sample quoted by Professor Otto Jespersen, whom many Californians will remember as a visitor to the state last summer:

Eventis-tala esas la rakonto quan audivas ofte. Ameriko exter Chikago-ke Chikagano, qua vivis nek plu nek min bone kam multi quin nekonacas, quik pos la morto veki la nova vivo en la ultra mondo. Pos maltrankvila momento li renkontis samur-bacon, quia gaudia dum sa terna promeno en sa nova cirkoj kontrastis ad il omno vidinda. Pos kelka hori la ad adventinto dicis:

"Yes, omno co esas ne malpazinda, ad omakaze il esas dekopie plu bona kam la Chikago. Sed ne me povas negar, ke me expectis io ankore plu bona kam co en la cieto."

Now, of course anybody can read that, and understand it, the first time, without study, without grammar or dictionary. Just try it. Anybody can do it. That is, anybody who is a trained linguist, familiar with Latin, Italian, Spanish, French and English. Curiously, the assumption of the language-builders is that everybody is of this class. Being linguists themselves, they can not understand the workings of the non-linguistic mind. So they accomplish the quite superfluous task of manufacturing an international artificial language for the benefit of those who are already familiar with international natural languages. For the others—well, try to read that extract quoted above. If you are a linguist, there will be no trouble at all. If you are not—well, try it.

### WIFE OF EX-OFFICER

#### ARRESTED AS VAGRANT

Mrs. Correll Jailed With Companion; Found in Rooming House.

Mrs. William Correll, the wife of ex-Policeman William Correll, who resigned from the local police force last June, was arrested last night by Acting Sergeant Charles Farnum, and Patrolmen William Maher and James Cronkrite and charged with vagrancy. Mrs. Correll has been viewed suspiciously for some time by the members of the local police force, and early this morning was found in the Orangewood lodging house with William Bontwell. Bontwell was also arrested and charged with vagrancy. The two will appear before Police Judge Briggs this morning.

#### MUST PAY DAMAGES FOR AN EXPLOSION

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 27.—On the motion of Xavier Fisher, the Third District Court of Appeals today dismissed the appeals of the Western Fuel and Explosives Company from verdicts against it in Alameda county for damages. A third one was sustained and argument will be heard on it during the January term. The case has been hanging fire since 1925, when a Chinese employee of the fuse company, after killing another Chinese, blew up a powder house full of powder to prevent the officers catching him. Three deputy sheriffs were killed beside the Chinese, and the town of Matrone, on the outskirts of Oakland, was wrecked. Fisher was one of the property losers.

BRAZILIAN CANDIDATE MADE FINE PROMISES. RIO JANEIRO, December 27.—At a banquet given here last night, Marshal Hermes De Fonseca, a candidate for the presidency of the republic, guaranteed civil, political and religious liberty and declared that justice would be administered impartially.

SOME SKILLFUL FLIGHTS. KANEAS CITY, Dec. 27.—Five flights were made at Overland Park today by Charles H. Hamilton, who is giving exhibitions in a Curtiss biplane. On the third flight he covered about two miles in four minutes.

## EVERY SHOULDER BEHIND NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Movement Meeting With Approval of Citizens of Fresno.

Illuminated Parade, With Chinese Band, Will Be a Feature.

"If you see a good thing push it along." The carnival spirit is catching, and if the proposed New Year's Eve celebration in Fresno is not a howling success, you will hear of an earthquake. That is the only calamity that can possibly prevent the holding of one of the most unique carnivals in the history of the city.

Every shoulder is behind the movement. As Bill says, "I'm willing to try anything once." Therefore, next Friday night will be a "big night tonight." The organizers of the celebration, Clarence Kellogg and Charles (Deacon) Shaw, hit the nail squarely on the head when they announced their intention of ringing the old year out and the new one in. The singing of cowbells and other ear-straining noise producers will be the main feature.

After the consent of Acting Chief of Police Thomas Coyle was secured, the enterprising young Fresnoans permitted no grass to grow under their feet in perfecting the details. The time is short for arranging the affair. It is proposed to hold a parade, among other stunts, but no elaborate program will be carried out. The lateness of the season prevents a canvas for funds and those who are taking the greatest interest in the celebration intend to defray the expenses. Each member will be asked to furnish his or her own costume. The parade will commence shortly before midnight at some downtown corner to be designated later.

Leading the procession will be a burlesque Chinese band of 15 pieces up to a late hour last night ten of these had been secured. It is hoped to get the remaining five today. Each member will have a Chinese musical instrument and garbed in Oriental costumes, will form the advance guard. The joy makers will follow, some in Chinese and others in black face, Yiddish and Dutch characters. Horns and bells are to be carried and confetti will probably be used to give the affair a carnival appearance.

The parade will resemble what is known as the "horribles" on a Fourth of July. Edward Crocker, who has been securing the arrangements for the festivities. It is probable that torch-lights and Chinese lanterns may be carried in the parade. Other features are in contemplation and it is hoped to set a precedent for the future. In Fresno, if the coming celebration proves a success, the movement will be under way about December 1, 1910, for the carnival at the end of the month. The city will be canvassed for funds and a celebration with metropolitan tone will be carried out.

"I love my Christmas tree, but oh, you New Year's Eve."

## TEACHERS WANT MANY CHANGES

Pensions for Aged Instructors Is Warmly Advocated at Convention.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Shorter courses for elementary schools, better adjustment of the work of grammar grades to articulate subjects, and the re-arrangement of the subjects taught in all grades above the sixth, including the high school, were among the topics discussed at the forty-third annual convention of the California Teachers' Association today, the beginning of its four day convention. The attendance was nearly 4,000, and more educators are expected to arrive tomorrow.

The age of retirement for superannuated instructors and the salaries they should draw after their active careers closed was the subject brought up for discussion in the afternoon. Many speakers addressed the delegates on these points. The Berkeley Teachers' Association has prepared a bill for setting 50 years as the retirement age, and all supporters agreed that it is the duty of the state to pension educators who have devoted the best years of their lives to the work. "Articulation of elementary and Secondary Schools," Lewis B. Avery, principal of the San Jose high school; Will C. Wood, superintendent of schools in Alameda county, and C. L. Eberbach, of Berkeley, took up the subject. Discussion followed, led by A. C. Barker of Santa Rosa, during which much attention was paid to the three general reforms already mentioned. The delegates devoted the evening hours to a banquet and will open the first business session of the convention tomorrow.

### "ASTRO" MEDIUM FORFEITS BAIL

Neglects to Appeal for Trial Upon a Swindling Charge Preferred Against Him.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Police Judge Shortall of this city today declared forfeited the bail of Claude Conlin of Attawanna, Minn., who, under the name of Dr. C. Alexander Astro, was accused of having swindled James O'Kelly of Coos Bay, Ore., out of \$1000. The accused, in the character of a medium, materialized O'Kelly's last stepdaughter, to whom O'Kelly gave \$1000 before he died. O'Kelly gave him made the dupe of a confidence game, according to the complaint. The case against Astro was called a week ago and when he failed to appear a bench warrant was issued for his arrest, but he has not been apprehended when the case was called again today.

### MUNICIPALITY SHOWN GROSSLY EXTRAVAGANT

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 27.—An extravagant use of public funds, favoritism to "friendly" contractors and other shortcomings are charged against executive branches of the city government in a report submitted to the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce today. No charge of graft is made against any official, but the report alleges that supplies and work have been paid for by the city at from 25 to 750 per cent above market prices; that work has been inefficiently done and that payrolls have been padded. The commission form of government is recommended.

## WOULD FLY AIRSHIP TO LOS ANGELES

Portland Inventor Guarantees to Make This Remarkable Trip Through the Air.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—In a communication received today by the committee in charge of the events of aviation week—January 10th to 20th—in this city, E. E. Preble of Portland, Ore., makes a novel offer. To demonstrate the success of a new airship which has been constructed on the lines of his own invention, Preble guarantees to fly from Portland to Los Angeles in time to take part in the aviation events. Any financial considerations involved are to be based upon the success of this undertaking. The Preble airship is a cigar-shaped affair, built something on the model of the Zepplin, but its constructor claims it to be far superior to the German craft. Preble asserts he will maintain an average speed of at least forty miles an hour in the flight down the coast. His offer has been taken under consideration by the aviation committee of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association.

## HENEY'S SUIT IS PLACED ON FILE

Action Against Crocker Because of Political Slander.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The formal complaint in the damage suit of Francis J. Heney of San Francisco against William H. Crocker, the California millionaire, for \$250,000 on an allegation of libel, was filed here today. Heney says he based his action on an open letter bearing Crocker's name which appeared in a New York evening paper on December 3rd, in which Crocker defended his action in first supporting Heney in the San Francisco graft prosecutions and later withdrawing his support.

James M. Beck, counsel for Mr. Heney, said today: "As soon as Crocker's letter was published, Heney telegraphed me to bring this suit. Heney, who nearly gave his life in the exposing of corruption in San Francisco, desires to settle the question as to whether he conducted the prosecutions against the San Francisco grafters in an honorable and legitimate way."

"In the heat of the great contest in San Francisco, many charges were made by irresponsible men against Heney, but when Crocker assumed responsibility for these charges and gave them wide circulation in a responsible organ of public opinion, Heney felt his opportunity had come to have a jury of his fellow countrymen determine the justice or injustice of the accusations against him."

"In San Francisco, the graft prosecutions have so divided its people into hostile camps that it would seem to me a matter of exceeding difficulty to obtain a jury that would consider the questions involved with absolute impartiality. In New York, however, there can be no selfish interest in the selfish issues that grew out of the San Francisco graft prosecutions and here a jury can be selected that can impartially and fearlessly judge between Crocker's gross accusations and Heney's account of his stewardship as a public official."

## STOCK GAMBLING TO BE DISCUSSED

White House Conference Will Consider Stopping Wild Speculation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Gambling in futures is to form the subject of a conference soon to be held at the White House. President Taft proposes, if possible, to arrive at a means of preventing unnecessary stock market trading in future deliveries of wheat, corn, cotton and other products. The President has invited a number of officials to confer with him on the subject, among them Secretary Knox, Attorney-General Wickersham, Representatives Scott and Lovering of Massachusetts, and Commissioner of Corporations Herbert C. Smith.

## COMPROMISE IN KEATING ESTATE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Attorneys for the trustees and heirs in the controversy over the estate of the late Andrew J. W. Keating, whose property is valued at \$600,000 to \$1,000,000, cleared away a mass of litigation today when, by stipulation, the injunction suspending the power of the trustees was dissolved in the Superior court and an order dismissing the suit brought recently by Helen Keating Johnson was filed with the county clerk.

These suits were brought originally by the heirs, who alleged that the trustees had misrepresented the true value of Mrs. Johnson's share in the estate and induced her to sell for about half its value. By the agreement now reached Mrs. Johnson's interests will be restored to her. While the power of the trustees is restored, it is announced by counsel for the heirs that the latter will oppose the proposed sale of the property to a syndicate for \$600,000.

## BUY YOUR DRUG WANTS

At Smith Bros' Drug Store. Their prices the lowest, their qualifications the highest.

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## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. H. Little

## CARNEGIE SUFFERS PAINFUL INJURY

Lies Helpless in New York Central Park Several Minutes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Andrew Carnegie slipped on an icy spot when walking around the reservoir in Central Park today and suffered a painful injury to his left knee. He was unable to be present at a dinner at his home tonight which he gave to Governor Hughes, President Butler of Columbia and others, and he was unable to attend a meeting of the American Historical Association. Carnegie was taking one of his usual constitutional when he fell heavily. For several minutes he lay prostrate, as the walk was almost deserted. Finally a park employee assisted him to the water tower. A man who said he was a friend of Carnegie's, but withheld his name, summoned a cabman. The two then made a "back saddle" with their hands and Mr. Carnegie was carried to the cab.

At the Carnegie home it was said that his condition was not serious, but that he had remained in his room on the advice of physicians. Mr. Carnegie had arranged for the dinner several weeks ago and had invited President Taft, who was unable to come to New York on account of the storm. The other guests assembled, however, and were informed that it was Mr. Carnegie's desire that the dinner proceed without him. In his absence Dr. Henry Smith Pritchett presided.

## PURCHASING SYSTEM MUST BE CHANGED

Official Says Favoritism, Not Quality, Governs Purchases.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—A prominent railroad executive in touch with large financial interests controlling the securities of the leading Southwestern railroads here last night spoke the keynote of a movement for reforming the purchasing departments of all large Eastern, Western and Southern railroads. He said: "The purchasing system, by questionable methods has ruined many brilliant men and the whole system of placing orders for materials and supplies must be changed. Investors' financial agents demand that contracts hereafter be awarded on quality, not on friendship."

"The railway supply agent, with his seductive wiles, including wine suppers, automobile rides and carnivals at country clubs, appealing to the weaker side of the executive officers, luring him to forget home, family, honor and decency, will no longer be welcomed at railroads' general offices."

## TOO EXPENSIVE FOR THE PACIFIC COAST

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Albert Schuchbach of the Schuchbach-Hamilton Steamship Company, owners of the ill-fated St. Croix, today emphatically denied the report that the company had purchased the steamer Harvard and Yale and would put them in service on this coast. He said: "A year ago we negotiated with the owners of the steamers, our proposition being to bond them and see if they could be operated successfully here. The deal fell through and was never renewed and there is no likelihood of the boats coming to the Pacific. They are million-dollar vessels, very expensive to operate, and if they could not make money on the New York-Boston run they would not be profitable here."

## EXPRESS CASHIER ABSCONDS WITH \$20,000

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A sum said to amount to \$20,000 and owned by A. Capron, cashier of the United States Express at the Englewood branch office in this city, disappeared Christmas eve. Detectives of the company are all over the country are searching for Capron. Capron and the money disappeared while six other employees were at work in the same room. Several valuable Christmas packages are also reported missing.

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Extra heavy reductions on Boys' and Youths' shoes during this last week of sensational price cutting at

# THE PHILADELPHIA SHOE STORE

Make next year's Shoe bills lighter by selecting your shoes now—now while this money-saving opportunity is offered you.

- Men's shoes, medium weight, box calf shoes; blucher cut, medium round toes; a stout shoe for the man who wants service; regular \$3.50 value; now ..... \$2.50
- Men's shoes; Packard's and other makes; all shapes; all leathers; regular \$4 values; now ..... \$3.50
- Boys' shoes, heavy double soles, with calf uppers and blucher cut; the kind of a shoe that boys ought to wear for winter; regular \$2.25 values; now ..... \$1.50
- Littlegent's shoes, medium calf uppers with double soles; a neat shoe; made to wear; regular \$2.00 value, now ..... \$1.25
- This is your chance to save money and our chance to reduce our overly large stock before stock taking time.

## We Gain Your Confidence As Soon As You Use Our Milk

We could not command the trade we do, nor would the demand for our milk be constantly increasing if we did not possess the confidence of our customers. That confidence is based entirely upon the fact that our product "makes good." That is why we urge all who do not use our milk to do so. As soon as you become a customer of ours we will have your confidence, too, for you will at once realize that our milk is purer and better owing to our methods of producing and handling same.

Our own herd of healthy cows furnishes us our supply. Their product comes to our dairy in ice wagons, where it is cooled, and by machinery clarified of all impurities. It is then bottled by machinery in air-tight, sterilized bottles ready for delivery to your home. Let us have your order today.

## Jersey Farm Dairy

2020 Fresno St. Phone Main 246

## January 3, 1910 Winter Opening ...of... Heald's Business College

100 students will enter our school during January, 1910. Start the New Year right. Why go along handicapped when we will give you a training that insures success. We teach what you should know. Write us when you are coming.

## HEALD'S BUSINESS COLLEGE

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## Hog Feed \$10 Ton Caproco Oil Cake Caproco Oil Cake Meal

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South End "O" St. and Butler Ave.





# Store Closed Again Today to Re-Arrange Stock and Reduce Prices

## The Fire Insurance Has Been Satisfactorily Adjusted

# FIRE

NEXT DOOR CAUSES US  
TO HOLD A GIGANTIC

# SALE

## Our Stock Was Partially Damaged by Smoke and Water

Store Has Been Closed Two Days to Segregate All Damaged Goods and to

## Adjust the Fire Insurance

Sale Starts Tomorrow at 10 A. M.

With Positively the Biggest Genuine Reductions  
Ever Offered In Fresno---Come and See for Yourself

The Fire Insurance Companies' Loss Is Your Gain

By reading the newspaper clipping at the side of this ad you will see for yourself the real cause of this gigantic sale.

Our store escaped from burning out completely only through the good work of the fire department.

As it was we were slightly damaged by water and the store filled up with smoke.

If it had not been for the dust proof cabinets in which we keep our garments our stock would have been almost a complete loss.

As it was nearly everything is intact and just as good as the day it arrived at our store.

But owing to the fairness of the insurance adjuster we were allowed a very liberal reduction on nearly everything in the store and a complete loss on a great many articles that were damaged by smoke and water.

We have gone through our entire stock and reduced every thing without exception. Many of the prices are below cost, others are at cost. Our only endeavor is to close out everything and restock with a complete new assortment.

### COAL OIL STOVE STARTED BAD FIRE

While Charles Hill, an insurance adjuster for the German-American Insurance company, was telephoning for instructions regarding the regulation of an oil stove in the office of Ewing and McDaniel, real estate dealers, at 1034 J street, at 8 o'clock last evening the stove exploded with a loud report and scattered burning oil about the entire building which was soon enveloped in destroying flames.

Attracted by the sound of the explosion, Acting Sergeant Farnum and Patrolman Davis went to the building and Davis soon turned in a fire alarm. Although the fire department responded in quick time it was impossible to save the contents of the offices and the place was entirely gutted.

Only the prompt work of the firemen saved the stock of the Hogg cloak and suit house adjoining the real estate firm's building. As it was the stock was partially damaged by smoke.

While battling with the flames Callman Lamont was caught in a perilous position on the roof of the building, but he managed to escape without being injured. The only loss is to the inside of the building, which is estimated at about \$1200. All valuables, papers and records were kept in a fireproof safe.

The stove which was the cause of the fire, had been turned too high and was burning furiously when Hill attempted to turn it out, but made it worse instead. While he was endeavoring to learn the manner of turning the stove out it exploded.

### White Waists

Including all linen

Worth to \$3.50  
Reduced to **\$1.95**

A good assortment of all first-class goods, being in boxes, they were saved from smoke, but it is our aim to close out everything that was in this store during the fire, and to accomplish it in a hurry we have reduced the price to.....\$1.95

### Silk Waists

Worth to \$7.50  
Reduced to **\$3.87**

These Waists were on the counter during the fire and were somewhat smoked, but after being aired thoroughly no one could detect it.

To close them in a hurry we are making the price only \$3.87

Suits That Sold to \$25 Reduced to **\$9.95**

Coats That Sold to \$20 reduced to **\$9.95**

Rubberized Silk Coats worth \$12, **\$7.65**

Everything Else Including Skirts, Waists, Coats, Capes, Suits, Millinery is Likewise Reduced

Every suit, coat and cape in this store is kept in closed cabinets thereby saving them from any harm from smoke or water.

But as we all well know when anything has been close to fire the people naturally expect reductions.

The insurance companies allowed our claim and we are going to give you the benefit of it by naming prices lower than ever before named in Fresno on garments of like character.

**\$1.50 Black Petticoats 89¢**

There are seven styles to choose from—all have wide hounces and deep dust ruffles.

They are made of a material similar to heatherbloom and are guaranteed to give satisfaction.

There is not a garment in our store that has been with us more than six weeks. The styles are all correct and the materials are the best procurable.

Every one is thoroughly man tailored and distinctive made. If you want the biggest bargain you have ever bought you should attend this sale as we promise you the reductions will be sensational. The above few quotations will give you an idea of what to expect.

**Seventy-five 98c Waists in odd sizes, slightly smoked, reduced to 39c**

**Fine Trimmed Millinery that sold up to \$10 Reduced to \$4.95**

**Fine Trimmed Millinery that sold up to \$25 Reduced to \$7.95**

At these prices you can buy millinery cheaper than we can. These hats were all insured and we received a very liberal settlement from the insurance company. Otherwise we would have to charge you double the prices to get what we paid for them. We also include a small lot of about 18 that are worth \$5 for only \$1.85.

**Hogg's**  
WOMEN'S OUTER GARMENTS  
& MILLINERY EXCLUSIVELY

The New Store at 1032 J St., Fresno, Cal.

Untrimmed Shapes, worth 95c  
to \$3.50 . . . . . **95c**

A big line of untrimmed shapes that were exposed to smoke, but positively in first-class condition. There are hundreds of styles to select from—get yours before it is too late.

All Neckwear, Hand Bags, etc.  
Reduced One-Third



## Social and Club News

At the W. D. Coates home on Van Ness avenue there was a jolly gathering of young people last night at a "500" affair in honor of W. D. Coates, Jr., and his friend, L. B. Lupton, of Sacramento, who have been spending Christmas here with their families. "Junior" Coates, as he is more familiarly known to his old friends in town, has risen to an enviable position in his profession and there is always a warm welcome awaiting the young State Architect when he has a few days leisure to visit his relatives and friends in Fresno.

The rooms were adorned with holly, holly branches, bright holly and Christmas bells. After a pleasant round of "500" the guests were served with a dainty supper and enjoyed music and informal dancing.

Those asked to meet the visitors were: Misses Ina Dickinson, Marguerite Harris, Jennie Wilson, Edith and Catherine Cory, Eugenia Miller, Lillian Dunn, Marguerite Van Frank, Honoria Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coates, Dr. and Mrs. Harry J. Craycroft, Messrs. Parker, Friselle, James Gearhart, George Mariscal of Madera, Jack Sprague, John Coates.

Miss Lurline Brown of Woodland is the guest of Miss Milla Carley during the holiday festivities among the younger set.

Miss Eleanor Webster will be a dinner guest.

IN ANCIENT ROME a wife could divorce her husband if his breath were impure. The daily thorough use of

**Dr. Lyon's**  
PERFECT  
**Tooth Powder**  
not only cleanses, preserves and beautifies the teeth without injury, but imparts purity and fragrance to the breath, removing instantly the odor of tobacco.

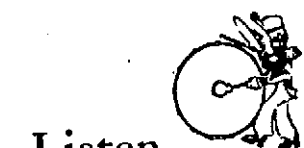
**Ha! Ha! He! He!**

That's the way to feel—EVERY ONE does that takes a CASCARET night BEFORE, when he looks at the fellow who didn't. For OVER-EATING and DRINKING nothing on Earth cleans you out so a CASCARET, naturally—easily, without that upset sick feeling. Don't neglect at bed time—9 P. M. or 4 A. M.—a difference—you'll need it.

CASCARETS are a box for a week's treatment, all druggists. Biggest seller in the world. Million boxes a month.



**DIAMONDS**  
Our record and reputation as Diamond Merchants is one that we think enviable, and our large and magnificent stock allows the best selection in the city.  
**McCarthy's**  
1118 J STREET



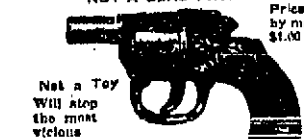
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play Sousa's most tuneful two-steps: Washington Post and High School Cadets. Both in the January list of Edison Amber Records for the

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Get complete list of January Records from your dealer, or write to National Phonograph Company, 78 Lakeside Avenue, Orange, N. J.

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Fires and recharges by pulling the trigger. Reloading unlimited.  
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her mother this evening, entertaining a few friends, all of whom will later attend the dancing party given by the Delta Iota Chi sorority at the Parlor Lecture club.

Mrs. Ruth Woodworth and her daughter, Miss Evelyn, of San Francisco are holiday guests at the Mullers.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Land and daughter, Alice, have been spending Christmas with Mrs. Land's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Davidson. Mr. Land returned home yesterday, but Mrs. Land and her young daughter will remain until Friday.

Miss Dorothy Day of San Jose is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Walter Shoenmaker, during the week, having come to participate in some of the holiday gaieties.

Miss Bernice Olney will entertain members of the High School set at a watch party on New Year's Eve.

The event of today among the younger dancing set is the Dix dance tonight at the Parlor Lecture club. Arrangements for this affair have been completed and the guests are anticipating the event with keenest enthusiasm.

The patronesses of the evening will include: Mrs. Warren F. Forsey, Mrs. Charles T. Carley, Mrs. Henry C. Tupper, Mrs. Will D. Noble, Mrs. C. L. McLane, Mrs. John Calvin Cooper.

The hostesses are: Misses Milla Carley, Dorothy Noble, Sue Cooper, and Dorothy Forsey, Bernice Pierce, Bernice Olney, Elise Hall, Marguerite McLane, Hazel Fisher, Ann Tupper, Eleanor Webster, Elizabeth Hawes, Helen and Alice Miller, Doris Zienke, Clara Truxaw, Ann Collins, Linetta Morgan, Gussie Collier, Leora Schaeffer.

A delightful event of last evening was the dancing party at which Miss Freda Olufs entertained friends in honor of her house guest, Miss Missap Manuel of Stockton. The event took place at the O. H. Olufs home on Blackstone avenue and was a jolly affair.

Garlands of amaranth, holly wreaths, scarlet bells gave a lovely Christmas air to the rooms which were thrown together for dancing. Miss Olufs is entertaining at two affairs this week, the second to be given on Wednesday night complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Will Wharton, a bride and groom of the December season.

The guests last night with Miss Manuel were: Misses Marcia Edwards, Leota Marshall, Isabel Hoover, Jane Brown, Leora Schaeffer, Margaret Kenyon, Mary Osburn, Georgia Clark, Gertrude Swan, Pearl Coffman, Elka Wormer, Emma Glass, Lucille Rohrer, Ethel Shaver, Ann Tupper, Gussie Collier, Clark Farley, Miss Campbell of Oakland, Messrs. Nell McNulty, Roy Shannon, Charley Barnum, Kenneth Stanford, Sig. Levy, Penn Cummings, Barbour, Will Truxaw, Clinton Collins, Will Tupper, Melvin Johnson, Howard Fisher, Bertrand Gearhart, Lester Eastin, Ted. Ruschhaupt, Ernest Shelton, Elmo Olufs, Cortez Shelton, Floyd Cowan.

Miss Julia Sayre spent the Christmas week-end with her brother, A. L. Sayre, and his family at Madera. She expects to have as her guest later in the week Mrs. Robert Hargrove, a well known club woman of the valley and president of the San Joaquin Valley District Federation.

Captain and Mrs. Parker and their young son of Fort Riley are here on a visit to Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Woodward.

Mrs. William O. Miles and her small son returned last night from Oakland, where they have been visiting for the past month with Mrs. Miles' sister, Mrs. Harry Maxfield.

Miss Beatrice Campbell arrived last night from San Francisco to spend the holiday week with Miss Mary Osburn at the Fred Osburn home on P. street. Miss Mary and her house guest are both students at Miss Heade's school in Berkeley. Miss Campbell belongs to a prominent family of Honolulu and is an exceedingly attractive girl.

At an informal gathering of relatives and friends on Christmas afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Murray on O street the pleasant news was told of the engagement of their son, Carlisle Murray, and Miss Jessie Wells. This pretty romance began a few months ago when both young people were attending the same business college. Miss Wells is not a resident of this city, but came here to visit for a few months. No date for the wedding has been set.

Miss Ruby Moran was given a pleasant surprise party last evening at her home on the corner of Belmont and Seventh streets by a party of her friends. There were various games to entertain the guests and a very amusing music wedding took place. Miss Madeline Bassett posing as the bride and Jesse Aikens as the groom. In concluding the evening some dainty refreshments were served.

On Christmas night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mulligan, the entertainment was enjoyed by a few friends of this host and hostess, bidden to celebrate the day with them. The spacious dining room was beautifully decorated with flowers and greenery and a most delightful Christmas tree laden with gifts for the young people. Refreshments were served and a very happy evening enjoyed by the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. G. Halra and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Thorne and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mulligan and family, Miss Isabel Cowan, Miss Anna Culpies, Messrs. R. Hawthorn and H. Mulligan.

Last evening at the Cumberland Presbyterian church the Sunday school gave one of the most successful Christmas entertainments. It has been given there between six and seven hundred members of the church and congregation to enjoy the program and the pleasure of the children. A huge Christmas tree glittering with lights and tinsel and its branches hung with bags of candy, apples and oranges

**CHALLENGE FROM PATTERSON BLOCK PHARMACY.**

The Patterson Block Pharmacy is seeking the worst case of dyspepsia or constipation in Fresno or vicinity to test Dr. Howard's new specific for the cure of those diseases.

So confident are they that this remarkable medicine will effect a lasting cure in a short time that they offer to refund the money should it not be successful.

In order to secure the quickest possible introduction the Patterson Block Pharmacy will sell a regular fifty-cent package of this medicine at half price, 25 cents.

# GIGANTIC PIANO SALE

## ...For Last Week of Year...

### 5 Car Loads of High Grade Pianos to Be Sold at Factory Price.

By Buying a Piano Now You Save From 1-3 to 1-2 the Purchase Price

\$250 Piano, Reduced to ..... \$187  
\$350 Piano, Reduced to ..... \$218  
\$425 Piano, Reduced to ..... \$268  
\$550 Piano, Reduced to ..... \$318

Terms as low as

**\$6.00 a Month.**

Or on quarterly or yearly payments.

Stock comprises such well known makes as  
**CHICKERING, SOHMER, DECKER, KIMBALL, MARSHALL & WENDELL, WINTEROTH-SCHILLING, ETC.**

Several Piano manufacturers in the East authorized us to sell five solid carloads of Pianos at Factory prices, providing we dispose of the Pianos by January 1st. This means that piano buyers of Fresno and vicinity may select any Piano in our warehouse at 946 I Street, opposite Hughes Hotel, and they can purchase the Piano at a saving of one-third to one-half the purchase price. An investigation will convince any one who calls on us and they can absolutely save from \$175 to \$200 on the purchase of a Piano if they buy before January 1, 1910. During the sale not only factory prices will prevail, but Pianos will be sold on payments of SIX DOLLARS per month and up. If it does not suit you to make monthly payments, you may make quarterly or yearly payments. This is an opportunity that will never present itself to Piano buyers again, and if you ever intend purchasing, now is the time to act.

### Special Bargains on Used Pianos.

\$450 Kohler & Chase Upright Piano, now ..... \$148  
\$500 Krell Upright Piano, now ..... \$187  
\$600 Steinway Upright Piano, now ..... \$235

### And 12 Other Bargains on Used Pianos.

Don't forget that if you want the first selection of a large stock, you must act at once. Don't delay, but call at once at our warehouse early Monday morning. For the convenience of our patrons, we will keep our warehouse open every evening during holiday week.

# EILERS MUSIC COMPANY

946 I Street, Opposite Hughes Hotel.

was the chief object of admiration and each child present received its share of its bounty.

An excellent program of songs and recitations was given. The Mandolin club of the Y. M. C. added to the merriment of the evening with several selections. Mrs. Ina Millward Wilson also contributed a reading which was much appreciated, and E. C. Van Buren contributed music. The choir under the direction of George Taylor sang a beautiful Christmas anthem and the program closed with a tableau, "Watching for the Star," by Mrs. Dean's class. John L. Hutchinson acted as Santa Claus.

### STORE GIVES TOYS TO SALVATION ARMY

All the toys of Louis Einstein & Company in stock have been donated to the Salvation Army. To be given away to the poor children of this city, and the Christmas tree which the army will hold at one of the halls in this city. The toys are of all sorts and descriptions, and the donation is a substitute for the original plan of giving the poor children such old toys as could be collected through the work by donation.

### SAN FRANCISCO'S FAIR COMMITTEE HAS BEEN NAMED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The personnel of the committee which will have charge of the arrangements for the world's fair which will be given in this city to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal has been made public. Every business interest in the city is represented on the committee as named and that no faction might be neglected the membership was increased from the 100 originally contemplated to 200. The ways and means committee will meet in a short time to name sub-committees for the purpose of arranging the various lines of work which the committee will undertake in preparation for the fair.

KIAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 27.—Robert Howie, aged 19 years, broke through the ice on Kiamath river near here yesterday and drowned before assistance could reach him.

### CITY WILL WIDEN J STREET CURVE

A Strip of Land Is Bought to Allow Moving Back of the Curb.

A deal was closed yesterday between the city and Charles E. Hudson for a small, triangular strip of land 10 feet wide, at the intersection of J street and Fourth street. The sidewalk will be moved back about 10 or 12 feet, and in this way, the street widened to give room for the curve of the car tracks when the system of double tracks has been put in, and to avoid danger of accident at this point. The deal was drawn up yesterday. The consideration is mentioned at \$100.

As the street and sidewalk are constructed, Fourth and J street make an obtuse angle at their intersection, and the sidewalk at this point is out too near the car tracks. The moving back of the sidewalk will form a smooth curve, conforming to that of the car tracks.

The work will be done before the paving of J street and Fourth street is commenced.

### MORE COASTING STEAMERS.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Two new ships are to be added to the Jensen line at the Pacific, operating between the Central American and Mexican ports on the south and Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Vancouver on the north. The additional ships are now in service on the Atlantic but will be brought around the Horn as soon as their present engagements expire. The present Jensen line on the Pacific is composed of two vessels—the Elna and the Elia. When the new ships are added there will be one call at each coast port every two weeks.

### LEOPOLD'S DAUGHTERS QUIZ HIS SECRETARY

BRUSSELS, Dec. 27.—Baron Goffinet, private secretary of the late King Leopold, on being examined today before a notary at the instance of the daughters of the late monarch, gave evidence indicating that Leopold's private fortune was between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000.

### UNITARIAN PULPIT.

Accepting the Bible. Some one said the other day, "Why, Unitarians reject the Bible!" "Nonsense!" Do you reject a fish when you refuse to swallow its bones and all? Do you reject the letter of a friend because you find certain errors in it? Surely not. And Unitarians accept the Bible as a medium of truth, but insist upon the right of rejecting what is not reasonable in it. They do not accept it for its past fact value, but rather for its present face value. They give it high and honored place as the record of religious thought and progress in the past, but not in any sense as an infallible guide in the present.

J. A. CRUZAN, Field Agent.

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

We wish to inform our friends, patrons, and the public that we have reopened our bakery recently destroyed by fire. We will be able to furnish you as before with the best bread, cakes and pastries. Your patronage kindly solicited. Elie Parret, Parisian Bakery.

### FILING CABINETS AND SUPPLIES.

Solid and Sectional Yawman & Erber Manufacturing Company filing cabinets, card index systems, guides, indexes, transfer cases, folders and supplies of all kinds at the Fresno Republican Job Printing Department. Phone Main 228.

### CHILBLAINS.

Can be cured with Smith Bros' Chilblain Ointment, when all others fail. Price 25c.

REDWOOD GRAPE STAKES. Redwood Tanks for wine and water. R. F. Wilson, Stockton, Cal.

### ORIENTAL RUGS

Have you seen our Rugs on exhibition at the Parlor Lecture Club?

Do not delay. The days are numbered. The sale closes on New Year's day. You will find that we are willing to cut prices.

Surely you want a genuine piece of Oriental Rug to grace your home. We need the money or else you could not buy them.

Come, take your choice, at your own price.

J. A. CRUZAN, Field Agent.

### When Your Plumbing Gets Out of Order

Call Up M 616

Our charges are reasonable and our work good.

**Foin & Son**

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## ADDITIONAL SPORTS

15,000 WITNESS START  
OF 6-DAY BICYCLE  
RACE IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—A six-day cycling race started at the Zoological Gardens at 10 o'clock tonight. Fifteen thousand people were present. Sixteen pairs are competing, including But and Clarke, winners of the six-day race in New York and the American team, Root and Foster. Root was liable to arrest for not performing military service. The war office, however, permitted him to compete after the crown prince had brought influence to bear.

MORE SUGGESTIONS FOR  
PROPOSED CHANGES  
IN FOOTBALL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Phil King, three times quarterback on the All-American football team, and now an advisory coach at Princeton, has forwarded his suggestions for changing the rules of football to the Intercollegiate Athletic Association, as follows:

"Play the backs five yards back of the line of scrimmage.

"Play seven men on the line of defense at all times to offset the line of offense spreading that formation and allow the quarterback to run anywhere with the ball.

"In the event that the forward pass is retained, remove all restrictions, allowing passes over the line and allowing any player to recover the ball after it has been touched and fumbled.

"Arrange one minute rests at the end of each ten, twenty and thirty minute periods, giving the captain ample time to note his men's fitness to remain in the game. No coach or other man connected with a contesting team to be allowed on the field in the period of rest."

THOMAS J. LYNCH, NEW HEAD  
OF NATIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE

Baseball magnates in the National League proved at last that they intend to have order on the diamond and discipline among the players of that organization when they unexpectedly elected Thomas J. Lynch, who was famous for years in the baseball world and once called the king of umpires. Lynch will act as pilot of the older organization for one year. Lynch was born in New Britain, Conn. He has been out of baseball so long that he is practically unknown to the present generation of fans. Lynch quit the National League in 1896. He started his career as an umpire in the Eastern League in 1884 and umpired in the New England in 1885 and 1886. Then he went to the National League and umpired during those troublous days when umpires had their feet trodden on daily by the players—although no player committed the offense against Lynch a second time—until 1892. He then dropped out for a year and came back and umpired in 1894 and part of 1895. President Freeman of New York drove Lynch out of the game in 1895 over a dispute at the Polo grounds in which Davis and Doyle of the Giants were fined \$100 each. He refused many offers to return to the game. Harry Pulliam only a few years ago urged him to take up again the duties of knight of the indicator.

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sible to Buy.

If publicity counts for anything—and it certainly does—the Jeffries-Johnson battle will interest more people than were ever interested in a championship fight before within the history of pugilism.

This is a startling fact to consider as the records tell us that "Thesus, son of Argus, King of Athens, was the inventor of boxing 2,000 years ago."

It is safe to bet that never since the time of the ancient gent mentioned above have so many people clamored for the daily details of two boxers' lives as now search eagerly the columns of the morning papers for every mention of the doings of Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson.

It would have been impossible for any individual or individuals to have purchased the same amount of publicity that has been given free of cost this pair of great heavyweights. For over a year now the papers have been harping upon the Jeffries-Johnson thing. The publicity does will be increased daily between now and July 4th.

Long before Johnson fought with Tommy Burns at Sydney last December 26, the sporting world was looking askance in Jeffries' direction and wondering what the big white boy would do in the event of a Johnson victory establishing the supremacy of the negro in the heavyweight class.

Twenty-four after Johnson had kicked the Canadian the telegrams of inquiry were coming into Jeffries' spring street office in a steady stream. Jeff said: "Nothing doing."

Then the cry for his return to the ring became a wail, the echo of which was heard throughout the whole world. Still Jeff hung back paying no attention to the uproar that his actions were causing.

Finally it was discovered that Jim was dropping in at the gymnasium of a local athletic club every afternoon. The roar for him to fight Johnson became doubled when it was known that Jeff was actually trying himself out.

A vaudeville circuit offered him more money for a month's work than some actors make in their whole lives. Jim accepted and opened up at the Wigwag Theatre, San Francisco. The people thronged about him. They stood up on their benches to hear every word he uttered, and note every action he made.

Not until the Jeffries show reached New York did Jim partly the public by announcing that he would fight Johnson. Then came the trip to Philadelphia and the people chafed at the delay. "SPELL MY NAME RIGHT."

Great bodies and Jeff is one of them—move slowly. He returned to America and in due time he and Johnson met in Chicago and signed a preliminary set of articles. More waiting and anxiety for the public. Again Jim and Jack met, this time in New York, where the final articles of agreement were signed up and December 1st named as the date for the opening of the bids.

This latter event was given world-wide publicity. Everybody was needed and plus, figuratively speaking, until the announcement was made that Tex Howard and Jack Gleason had won.

No sooner had the bid been awarded

PINCHOT WARNS  
AGAINST ATTACK

Agents of Monopolies Are  
Fighting the Forest  
Service Bitterly.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States, declared in a speech here today before a number of people that publishers at the University Club that special agents had made repeated attacks on the United States forest service and these attacks had increased in violence just in proportion as the service had offered effective opposition to predatory wealth. Pinchot said:

"The American people have made up their minds that our natural resources must be conserved. That is good, but it settles only half the question. For whose benefit shall they be conserved? For the benefit of the many for the use and profit of the few? The great conflict now being fought will decide there is no other question before us that begins to be so important or that will be so difficult to straddle, as the great question between special interest and equal opportunity between the interests of the few and the rights of the many, between government by men for human welfare and government by money for profit, between the men who stand for the Roosevelt policies and the men who stand against them. This is the essence of the conservation problem today."

UNFAIRNESS OF MONOPOLY.

"I believe in one form of government and I believe in the golden rule. But we must face the truth that monopoly of the sources of production makes it impossible for vast numbers of men and women to earn a fair living. Right here the conservation question touches the daily life of the great body of our people, who pay the cost of special privilege. And the price is heavy. That price may be the chance to save boys from the saloons and the corner gang, and girls from worse, and to make good citizens of them instead of bad."

"The people of the United States have been the victims of a system of plunder often perpetrated by men who would have been surprised beyond measure to be accused of wrong-doing and many of whom in their private lives were model citizens. But they have suffered from a curious moral perversion by which it becomes praiseworthy to do for a corporation things which they would refuse with the loftiest scorn to do for themselves. Fortunately for us all, that delusion is passing rapidly away."

ATTACK BY SPECIAL INTERESTS.

"It is the honorable distinction of the forest service that it has been more constantly, more violently and more bitterly attacked by representatives of the special interests in recent years than any other government bureau. These attacks have increased in violence and bitterness just in proportion as the service has offered effective opposition to predatory wealth. The more successful we have been in preventing land grabbing and the absorption of water power by the special interests, the more ingenious, the more devious and the more dangerous these attacks have become. A favorite one is to assert that the forest service, in its zeal for the public welfare, has played tricks and drakes with the acts of Congress."

"The fact is, the service has had warrant in law for everything it has done. Not once since it was created has any charge of illegality, despite the most searching investigation and the bitterest attack ever led to reversal or reproach by either house of Congress or by any congressional committee."

PUBLIC SUPPORT NEEDED.

"Since the forest service called public attention to the rapid absorption of water power sites and the threatening growth of a great water power monopoly, attacks upon it have increased with marked rapidity. I expect that they will continue to do so. Still greater opposition is promised in the near future. There is only one protection—an awakened public opinion. That is why I give you the facts."

HEIR TO \$30,000 BUT  
HE DIES IN POVERTY

Janitor of Apartment House  
Refuses to Return Home  
to Claim Estate.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Patrick M. Smith, aged 57, janitor of an apartment house, who was found dead in his room late last night, recently received a letter from friends in Ireland saying that he had fallen heir to \$30,000. He refused to return to claim his legacy, although an offer to send \$1,000 for his expenses was made.

The old man had become dependent over his appetite for drink and felt that the money would do him no good. Smith, who was an educated man, had told friends that he had been a teacher in an Ontario college. That he had spoken at the opening of the Midwinter Fair in San Francisco and that a play staged by him had added \$40,000 to the fund that built the San Francisco city hall.

BANDITS REACH  
SANTA CLARA

Possess of Armed Deputies Is Scouring  
the Roads for the Bold  
Robbers.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 27.—A half dozen automobiles carrying deputies armed to the teeth are scouring the streets and roads of Santa Clara county this afternoon, searching for the bandits who gave battle to the Alameda county officers last night. Two of the men, one of whom was wounded, walked into the John McLaughlin's office this afternoon and asked for assistance. They became alarmed and left before the injured man was attended to, driving off in a buggy.

FRENCH POSTOFFICE  
POISON MYSTERY

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The arrest today of a young man in a department store has uncovered a poison by mail mystery. According to the police, chocolates containing arsenic were sent through the mails to a person who failed to get them, ate several and died four hours later.

The sender of the poisoned candy, it is said, was discovered by pure accident, but the police refuse to divulge names.

PITTSBURGH, December 27.—Mrs. Lucinda Grafton, who became widely known during the Civil War for her activities in behalf of sick soldiers, died here today, aged 82.

DROPS DEAD IN RESTAURANT.  
BARKER-KILLER, Dec. 27.—W. McMurray, employed in the car shops of the Southern Pacific railroad, dropped dead from heart disease in a restaurant here this morning. McMurray came here from Los Angeles a few days ago.

YOUNG REAR-ADMIRAL ACTS  
AS SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Rear-Admiral Hugh A. Nicholson, chief of the bureau of navigation, the youngest "rear admiral" in point of service and in reality only a captain, today was acting secretary of the navy. Secretary Meyer was absent on important private business and Assistant Secretary Winthrop was inspecting the navy yard at New York.

DIPLOMATS BUSY  
RESCUING YANKEE

Mexican Laws Have Not  
Been Violated in the  
Cook Case.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—Acting under the demands of labor unions, the State Department has called upon the American embassy at Mexico City to investigate the incarceration of Conductor James A. Cook, an American, arrested and imprisoned for alleged complicity in the robbery of freight trains on a Mexican railroad. Cook has been imprisoned for some time without trial, and friends in this country have besieged the White House and the State Department with demands that he be given immediate trial or be admitted to bail. In cases of this kind the latter alternative is never resorted to under Mexican law. State Department officials acknowledged that the American diplomatic representative in the Mexican capital had been instructed to begin an immediate and thorough investigation of the case and bring the results to the attention of the Mexican officials.

"The department deplores the sensational stories based on this act," said a high official of the department tonight. "The United States has taken steps to safeguard the rights of an American citizen because friends of that citizen believe these rights are not being recognized."

"Personally, I know little about the case, but I do know that the man in the case has not been imprisoned much longer. It is as long as many suspected persons under the same charge have been incarcerated in this country, awaiting trial. The idea of an American as helpless and subjected to persecution languishing in a foreign jail always will appeal to the tender heart. It is altogether likely, however, that the Mexican law is taking its course."

MEMBER OF STRONG ORDER.

Cook, it is said here, was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen before he went to Mexico. This powerful organization and its allies have brought pressure to bear, not only on the White House and on the State Department, but also on the Mexican government, from Kansas. Cook's state, has taken up the matter.

At present the exchanges between the United States and Mexico are purely friendly and informal. They are being conducted through the regular diplomatic channels, with a complete recognition of the peculiar laws governing the operation of railways in Mexico. A satisfactory solution of the problem is a matter of a few hours or days.

Under the Mexican law, the conductor of a train which kills or maims a citizen or is looted is held without bail until his case is passed upon by a court of first instance, which corresponds to an American grand jury. Cook was arrested in Los Angeles and has been in prison since without admission to bail.

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## COMPANY IS FORMED TO ERECT A \$200,000 HOTEL

Site of the Proposed Hotel Is Opposite the City Hall.

The Stockholders Have Elected the First Board of Directors.

The Fresno Hotel Company was formed yesterday for the purpose of building a big modern \$200,000 hotel in this city. Its directors and stockholders include leading citizens of Fresno. The company is incorporated for \$200,000.

The meeting was held early yesterday afternoon in the offices of Frank H. Short. The first board of directors was elected at this meeting. The board is as follows: A. L. Short, H. H. Brix, Woodward, P. H. Short, G. J. Woodward, W. Parker, Lyon, George C. Roeding and E. E. Manheim. Most of the capital stock has been subscribed. There are about twenty stockholders.

The new hotel will be erected on the corner of Merced and I streets, opposite the city hall. It is understood that it will be made in every way what a hotel in a city the size of Fresno should be. It will probably be constructed shortly.

The project of building this big hotel on I street has given rise to activity in properties in this vicinity. At least two business blocks will be erected adjacent to the hotel, one of them by W. A. Bean. A previous idea of putting in a garage next to the hotel has been abandoned, as it would furnish a somewhat objectionable feature from the standpoint of those who will operate the hotel.

The list of those interested in this project includes some of the most prominent business men of Fresno, and some property owners in the vicinity.

The plan had its inception some time ago, and it has been understood for months that this project would probably go. However, the formation of the company yesterday has been the first definite step.

**TRAIN IS DERAILED.**  
GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Col., Dec. 27.—Eastbound passenger train No. 2 on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad was derailed this morning, five miles east of Wolcott. Engineer Hill and three passengers were injured, none fatally.

**COUNT TOLSTOY ILL.**  
ST. PETERSBURG, December 27.—The health of Count Leo Tolstoy is again causing anxiety. The Count has a high fever since last night. Physicians were summoned today from Moscow and Tula to attend him.

## Children's Eyes

If your child is backward in his studies—does not like to study, or has symptoms of nervousness or headache, you will probably find that there is some eye trouble.

There may be no outward sign of defects, yet the eyes should be examined to make sure there is no fault in them. This holiday season is a good time to have that matter attended to.

WE GIVE SPECIAL CARE TO CHILDREN'S EYES

**Wormser Furniture Company**  
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## SPECIAL BARGAINS

Goods Left Over From Christmas

**WORMSER FURNITURE COMPANY**  
1022-1028 J STREET.

## A FEW DOSES MAKE KIDNEYS ACT FINE AND END BACKACHE

Out-of-Order Kidneys Are Regulated and Bladder Trouble Goes.

If you take several doses of Pape's Bladder, all backache and distress from out-of-order kidneys or bladder trouble will vanish, and you will feel fine.

## HOPE IS HELD OUT THAT BLANCHE MAY FULLY RECOVER

Recovered Consciousness Yesterday and Asked for Mamma.

F. M. Cheuvront Arrives from Mountains Too Late to See the Dead.

"If her condition improves in the next twenty-four or thirty-six hours, as it has, she stands a splendid chance of completely recovering," said Dr. McMillan last night. He is attending the little 10-year-old Blanche Gladys Cheuvront, the victim of her father, George C. Cheuvront, who ran amuck with a hatchet last Monday morning, killing his wife and son George, and then committing suicide by hurling himself under a train.

The little girl lies on a cot at the Burnett Sanitarium, hovering between life and death. Yesterday her temperature lowered, and she was below the 100 mark. This is a splendid indication that there remains a ray of hope for the recovery of the victim of an insane father.

Yesterday, the little girl recovered consciousness and asked the nurse who is constantly at her bedside: "Where is mamma? I want my mamma."

She repeated this several times, and was informed that the parent was ill and could not come to her bedside at that time. The news of the horrible crime, in which the little victim was robbed of father, mother and brother and her own life almost crushed out, has not been broken to her. The physician, McMillan, and Craycroft, have advised against it.

Her condition is such that the least excitement might cause a relapse. The physicians are hoping against great odds that no complications will set in. Dr. McMillan declared last night that the child should be guarded off as being in a menacing condition.

If the child passes through the next thirty-six hours without meaningful developments, there will be more hope that with delicate care, the patient will slowly begin to improve. On each side of her head appears a terrible hole, the result of the sharp blade of a heavy hand-axe in the hands of a raving maniac. The operation, performed by the physician several days ago, resulted in restoring the victim to consciousness.

A piece of the skull bone, about two inches square, was removed. This piece had been driven against the brain by the impact of the hatchet blade. A blood clot had also formed. This was removed. Even though the little girl recovers, two terrible scars will remain. Should she retain her faculties, the operation will be one of marvelous medical skill.

F. M. Cheuvront, a brother of the deceased farmer and an uncle of the patient, arrived yesterday from Coarse Gold, where he had been engaged in mining. He did not receive word of the murders and suicide until the day after the fact. He rushed here, but too late to see his brother, sister-in-law and little nephew, who were buried together last Friday.

Cheuvront was appraised of the facts by a special messenger who was sent into the snow-clad mountain regions from O'Neal's Station, Madera county. After receiving the terrible news Cheuvront was overcome for several minutes. He could hardly realize the awful deeds. He hurried to the scene of the mining camp, but facilities for reaching the valley are too inadequate to make travel very rapid.

The brother is stopping at the Fulton Hotel and will probably pay a visit to his little niece today, should her condition permit. It should, however, be remembered that in visitors may be barred for several days. The victim is not out of danger by any means, and every precaution must be taken by the physician to avert any possible set-back. The crisis in her condition will come tonight and every effort known to medical science will be put forth to bring about the recovery of the little girl.

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## YULETIDE IS A DELUSION AND SNARE FOR ONE MAN

Ask James Scates, the colored janitor at the city hall, what he knows about Christmas and its festivities and he will probably answer: "Stung!" According to Jim, as he is familiarly called by the city employees, Yuletide has no charms for him. In fact, Jim has no Santa Claus, has a grudge against him. And all because the colored janitor did not receive a single present from the city employees. Scates has been cleaning out the city hall since Friday afternoon, being Christmas eve, and everyone being supposed to hang up his or her stocking, Jim conceived the idea that he could realize cash presents from the city employees without the formality of hanging up a stocking, and acting upon this brilliant idea, Jim went down town and procured an empty plug tobacco box from one of the cigar stores. He put the lid on hinges and locked it securely with a very strong Yale padlock. The key was placed in his pocket. In the center of the top of the box, appeared a slit about the size of a half dollar.

## YULETIDE IS A DELUSION AND SNARE FOR ONE MAN

City Hall Janitor Puts Out a Box for Christmas Contributions.

Inventory Shows Poker Chips, Buttons and Chinese Coins.

With the box under his arm, Scates marched into the midst of a "hunch" of policemen, gathered for a talk-fest in police headquarters. Jim was greeted with "Merry Christmas" from a half dozen throats. "Merry Christmas" sounded all right to Jim, but it wouldn't pay grocery and meat bills, house rent, etc.

Scates replied with a feeble "Same to you," bringing the newly-made ball box into view. The astonished patrolmen asked, in unison: "What the devil is that for, Jim?"

"Why that there box is for 'my Christmas presents from 'yo' fellows," replied the janitor.

"I think I done clean out dem sleeping rooms of yours a lot of times and I thinks I got selected Christmas presents comin' my way," he declared, and vanished through the side door into the city clerk's office.

The next chapter is a scene on Merced street, with Jim, Jim's tramping along the cement sidewalk with the improvised "stocking" under his arm. Scates refused to tell the rest of the story, but the efforts of Jim in the line of cash Christmas presents from the city employees in a joke around the white building on I street. Jim opened the box upon his arrival at home. He found—well, it seems a shame to tell. No, it wasn't money.

The box was half full of poker chips, buttons and ancient Chinese pennies.

## WILL PAVE STREET BEHIND THE DEPOT

Southern Pacific Ready to Spend \$2000 to Get Rid of Mud Hole.

The muddy street back of the Southern Pacific depot will soon be paved. The matter has been taken up by the local Southern Pacific officials with higher officials, and the matter has been favorably acted upon by the latter.

General Freight and Passenger Agent Clapp is in receipt of a message from Superintendent Worthington, stating that an appropriation for the work has been asked for, and it is understood that the matter has been put through successfully.

It was stated yesterday at the Southern Pacific office that work on this paving would probably be begun soon. The cost of it will be at least \$2,000. No work will be done in paving until the Southern Pacific depot, since instructions to begin work on the new freight shed to be put up near Merced street, on the reservation, are expected at any time.

The street back of the Southern Pacific passenger depot has long been one of the muddest in Fresno during the rainy season. It is on railroad property, and the city has not been able to do anything with it. Immediately after Clapp came to Fresno, he notified the people in San Francisco concerning it. This pavement is a job that many have long felt should be done. It was not pleasant for passengers coming into Fresno to have to wade through mud before they could step foot on the city pavements.

## FARMER BERETTI DID NOT HEAR THE BELL

Consequently There Was a Collision With a Northbound F Street Car.

While driving across the East street track of the Fresno Traction Company at the corner of Tulare street, Louis Beretti, an Italian farmer, was struck last night by a northbound car, and thrown out of his wagon. He escaped with only a few bruises. He escaped with only a few bruises, but he was frightened. The horse was not hurt, but became frightened, and ran with the wagon down F street until stopped at the Mariposa street corner. Patrolman George MacArthur witnessed the collision and saw Beretti thrown to the ground. He hastened to him and found that he was not injured badly. Dr. Kjaerlie was called, and Beretti was taken to his office, where lotions were applied to his bruises. Beyond breaking one about the wagon was not damaged.

**THREE KILLED IN COLLISION.**  
REYMOUR, Ind., December 27.—Three men were killed today in a collision between two freight trains on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad (Southwestern) at Starkville.

## AUTHORITIES HOT AFTER OFF TO THE YOSEMITE TO SEE VALLEY IN WINTER CARS

Japanese Band of Highbinders Who Cut Off Ah Ling's Queue.

The Gang Consists of Six Fellows and Four Have Been Arrested.

The Japanese highbinders that operated in Fresno, and terrified the Chinese and Japanese of the local Oriental quarter, are learning that Fresno is no place for them. Since Ah Ling, the representative of the Chinese company of truck on Jan. and his queue cut off by three highbinders, because of his refusal to allow the Japanese to extort money from him, the police department has been keeping a vigilant lookout for the culprits and the other members of the gang. As a result of the capture of the highbinder, aided by Sheriff Chittenden, four of the Japanese have been landed in jail, and two were floated out of town yesterday by Police Judge Briggs.

The event yesterday in connection with the Japanese highbinder, who wielded the knife that deprived Ah Ling of his queue, was caught at Parlier, having fled there, after he and his confederates had assaulted Ah Ling. The information as to his whereabouts was given to Patrolman Chittenden yesterday by one of the Japanese business men, who have been in such fear of the highbinders since they commenced their operations in Fresno. He told Goehring that the man who cut off Ah Ling's queue was in hiding at Parlier.

Goehring notified Sheriff Chittenden and they left for Parlier in Chittenden's automobile yesterday morning. Arriving at Parlier they went through the small Japanese quarter there, and found the much wanted Japanese hiding under a house.

Goehring entered the house and seized the culprit, bringing him to Fresno in the afternoon. He was booked for an assault with a deadly weapon, against him. At the jail the Japanese gave the name as I. Yonezaka. According to the officers this is not his name.

Early yesterday morning Y. Morita, who is suspected of being a member of the gang of highbinders, was arrested and a vagrancy charge placed against him. He and S. Nishimoto, arrested on Sunday, appeared before Police Judge Briggs yesterday, and were given 150 day fines. The patrolmen saw that they departed on the 6.10 train last night, bound for the south.

F. Meeda, who was arrested on Sunday and charged with assault with a deadly weapon, is still in jail. Chief of Police Tom Coyne, the gang of highbinders is composed of six Japanese. He is certain that the patrolmen have captured four of the gang, and unless the other two have left town, he says they will be arrested within a day or two. The local Japanese men are assisting the officers in every way to secure the arrest of the highbinders.

The four Japanese that have been arrested have been photographed, and their pictures are being sent to all the police departments in the state.

## DEAD IN HIS BUNK FROM PNEUMONIA

Deputy Coroner L. O. Stephens was called yesterday morning to Jamison to hold an inquest over the remains of William Quinn, a poor chopper, who was found dead in the bunkhouse near the hotel. The verdict was that Quinn came to his death from pneumonia. Witnesses testified that several weeks ago Quinn caught a severe cold, which settled on the lungs. Friends urged him to go to the county hospital, but he refused. They did not think that his condition was serious, however, and were surprised yesterday morning when one of the attendants at the hotel reported that he had found Quinn dead when he went to carry him his breakfast.

## NEW DEAL STARTED TO SELL RAISINS

Details of Latest Move Not Made Public; Holiday Trade Good.

Though the usual holiday dullness has been felt within the past few days, the new deal has been started for the disposition of the raisin pool. The details of this deal are not made public, but it is positively asserted in some quarters that it has been started, and is under way. Several raisin men saw the light yesterday that they were aware of a new move, but not of its nature and scope.

Reports from the East indicate considerable holiday activity in the dried fruit and raisin line. This is partly attributed to the fact that the increased cost of many staples has practically made raisins as cheap a food as people can buy, and the belief that the working classes are eating more raisins than at any time since the panic of 1907. The Fresno Journal of Commerce in recent issues reports more movement of spot raisins, and also a "stronger feeling" in the undertone of the market in New York and on the coast.

Though this is the season when the price of raisins has been falling, the near approach of January 2nd, before which date offers or means for the disposition of the pool must be secured, has created an unusual amount of interest. The situation is being followed closely.

The market recently, from grower to packer, is nominally at about 21-22 cents, according to the statements of several packers.

**"UNCLE OF EUROPE" DIES.**  
"OPENHAGEN," December 27.—Prince Hans of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg, a brother of the late King Christian of Denmark, and generally known as the "Uncle of Europe," is critically ill. The prince was born in 1825.

## One Pill

Ask your doctor about Ayer's Pills, gently laxative, all ailments. He knows why they act directly on the liver. (A. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.)

## TO SEE VALLEY IN WINTER CARS

A Party of Thirty Started Off Yesterday from Fresno.

Skating on Ice and Snowballing Will Be Pastimes at Chautauqua.

A party of about thirty left on the Santa Fe yesterday morning for Merced, where connections were made in the afternoon via the Merced-Yosemite railway, to El Portal at the edge of the famous valley. The party will spend several days in the snow-capped region, enjoying the immemorial attractions of skating on ice and snowballing will be indulged in daily.

The party consists of some out-of-town college people. Miss Gertrude Drew, daughter of Attorney A. M. Drew, who organized the party, has seven guests from San Francisco who left with the Fresno people yesterday. Seventeen tickets for the excursion were sold from the downtown office of the Santa Fe, and Passenger Agent Haney was on the train with tickets for the others.

While in the Yosemite the majority of these vacationists will participate in the annual session of the Chautauqua, which will be held for four days commencing today. The educational organization meets annually and lectures are held daily. In connection with the Yosemite meeting the Chautauqua will be in session at Pacific Grove and Long Beach. The sessions in these two towns opened yesterday with representatives present from all parts of California.

The merry party of pleasure seekers from Fresno will devote most of their time while in the Yosemite to enjoying the pleasures of the snow-covered valleys. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. George L. Warkley, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Chance, Dr. and Mrs. Lily of Merced, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bates, Miss Mable McKenzie, Miss Mattie Lowden, Miss Christine Turner of Alameda, Miss Antoinette Jackson of Merced, Miss Josephine, Miss Hazel Simpson of San Jose, Misses Josephine and Jennie McInerney, Joe McInerney of Merced, Clyde Scott of Clovis, Joe Thomas of Stanford University, John Turner of Modesto, Jack Smith of Merced, Joe Walsh of Madera, Miss Ethel Pierce, Miss Gertrude Drew, Chester Warkley, Robert Clinton Collins, and Rev. and Mrs. Ray Oakley Miller. The party will return next Friday.

## BIG IMPROVEMENTS ARE CONTEMPLATED

New Kern Street Sewer and Viaducts at Railroads Are Desired.

In addition to the work to be done at the old city hall, several other municipal projects are contemplated, which Mayor Howell stated yesterday would have to be done, when feasible. Most important are the putting in of a large sewer under Kern street and the building of viaducts over both railroads at the Ventura street crossings.

The Kern street sewer is an 18 inch pipe, laid at the time this street was in a sparsely settled residence section and when there was no heavy demand for sewerage facilities. Now, Kern street is a city street, and has parking and business houses upon it, so that the sewer is inadequate. Mr. Howell stated yesterday that a new and larger sewer should be put in before the paving of Kern street.

The building of the viaducts, he mentioned, as another thing which would have to come. This will make Ventura avenue the principal outlet from the city. The need is felt of more completely safe crossings over the railroads and this is looked upon as the solution of the difficulty.

This work is contingent largely on whether 20 per cent of the city taxes recently collected have to be paid back to the tax payers. At the time 20 per cent was added to the assessed valuation of Fresno county property by the state board of equalization, the ruling was taken as applying to the city also, and 20 per cent additional in taxes was collected. The question has been raised whether the ruling has been applied to the city, and if it is not the case, whether the 20 per cent will not have to be paid back to those who paid the taxes.

In cash this 20 per cent can be retained by the city. It is probable that the work may go ahead. In case it is not retained, the city will practically be without funds for large extra work.

The work determined upon the city hall is to make it a modern central fire station, equipped with good appliances, and accommodations for the fire department. The power farm is being leased in small tracts. A piece of 100 acres was rented the other day and yesterday an offer of \$10 per acre was made for a 150 acre piece, and will be considered.

## Y. W. C. A. WOULD LIKE THAT CASH PRIZE

It is Making Great Effort to Have All Coupons in By Friday Evening.

Those interested in the Young Women's Christian Association and its efforts to secure the Kutner-Goldstein offer of the \$1000 cash prize are working hard to gather in all coupons before next Friday evening, when the contest will close. As there are several competitors in the field, the association management is anxious to emphasize the fact to its friends that all bills must be paid before that date in order to give the association the benefit of coupons.

Friends have been generous on every side in saving coupons and giving them to the Y. W. C. A., but there cannot be too many and if there are any still to come in the latter urge that they be brought in by Friday. The association rooms at 1214 I street, or telephone in to the secretary in charge.

It is impossible to be well, simply impossible, if the bowels are constipated. Waste products, poisonous substances, must be removed from the body at least once each day, or there will be trouble. The dose of Ayer's Pills is small, only one pill at bedtime. All vegetables.

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Thousands of dollars will be saved here before the New Year sets in on needed merchandise by the thrifty buyers of Fresno.



## A Great After Christmas Sale of Toys--- All Toys at Half Price

And this includes all the new toys bought for this year's Christmas trade. A great assortment from which you can choose. Remember, half price at Kutner's until the New Year sets in.

## Choice Navel Oranges, the best, 15c a Dozen

## A Great After Christmas Sale of Women's Garments and Furs

Your pick of any of our large stock of fur muffs and ruffs at 1-3 off marked price.

\$25.00 Worsteds suits, made in green, blue and gray, with silk Moire collars... \$16.98

\$2.50 short flamelette kimono, satin trimmed, at... \$1.38

\$10.00 to \$20.00 long cloth coats made in plain and mixed colors... \$5.00

Torchon lace and insertion worth to 15c a yard, on extra sale today for... 8c

## Contest Closes Friday, Dec. 31st, at 6 P. M.

So buy now, save money and get enough tickets to win the \$1,000 prize. Contestants will kindly do tickets up in 1,000 to the package, and not fail to leave them here by 6 p. m. Friday, December 31st, as they will not be accepted later.

## Today's Grocery Specials

Mountain Apples, 8 lbs. 25c  
Rolled Oats, 6 lbs. 25c  
Sapallo, bar 7c  
California Black Matches, 2 oz. jars Cudahy's Beef Ex- 35c  
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